

House Resolution No. 817

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have demonstrated a remarkable ability to improve student performance even during difficult times of fiscal austerity; and

Whereas, Dr. Darlene Jones has attained distinction as principal at Francis Howell North High School since 1996; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has been chosen as 2003 Missouri High School Principal of the Year by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP), an award she will receive during the annual MASSP Spring Conference at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark on March 24, 2003; and

Whereas, Dr. Darlene Jones has presided over a Francis Howell North High School program which has lowered the dropout rate and increased academic performance and daily attendance during a time of staff reductions, growing class size, and decreased district resources; and

Whereas, an inspiration to her teachers and students alike, Dr. Darlene Jones prepared for her chosen labors in life by earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Southeast Missouri State University, a Master of Science degree at Central Missouri State University, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Kansas; and

Whereas, Principal Jones brings to her visionary, astute leadership at Francis Howell North High School a wealth of experience and knowledge gleaned from her earlier work as a teacher in Shawnee Mission schools and as an assistant principal and principal at Center Senior High School in Kansas City; and

Whereas, Dr. Darlene Jones is the top choice from the more than five hundred principals who competed for the prestigious title of 2003 Missouri High School Principal of the Year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Darlene Jones as the 2003 Missouri High School Principal of the Year by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Darlene Jones of Francis Howell North High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Sherman Parker
District No. 12

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 817, adopted March 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker